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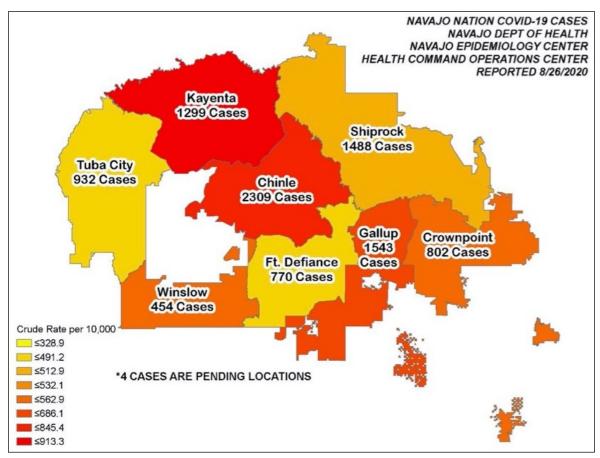
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Four new cases, 7,027 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported four new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths has reached 499 as of Thursday. Reports indicate that 7,027 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 93,565 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases is 9,601.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 2,309
Crownpoint Service Unit: 802
Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 770

Gallup Service Unit: 1,543
 Kayenta Service Unit: 1,299
 Shiprock Service Unit: 1,488
 Tuba City Service Unit: 932
 Winslow Service Unit: 454

* Four residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

The Navajo Nation will have a 32-hour weekend lockdown beginning Saturday, Aug. 29, at 9:00 p.m. until Monday, Aug. 31 at 5:00 a.m.

"The Navajo people are keeping up the momentum and are not letting down when it comes to COVID-19 prevention. The Navajo Department of Health and many other health experts have provided great outreach and education about coronavirus prevention and we are seeing the results, but we must keep in mind that other nearby towns and states have higher numbers so we have to remain diligent. Keep washing your hands, wearing your masks, practicing social distancing, avoiding large crowds, and staying home as much as possible," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Thursday, the state of Utah reported 383 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 680 new cases, and New Mexico reported 190.

"The number of new cases is looking good compared to the past, so let's keep up the good work that everyone has contributed to. Please continue to pray for all of the families that are grieving for their loved ones and for all of our frontline warriors," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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